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**ARIZONA POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING COMMITTEE**

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION OF )  
AJO IMPROVEMENT COMPANY IN )  
CONFORMANCE WITH THE REQUIREMENTS )  
OF ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, )  
40-360.03 AND 40-360.06, FOR A CERTIFICATE )  
OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY )  
AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A )  
230KV TRANSMISSION LINE AND )  
SUBSTATION IN MARICOPA AND PIMA )  
COUNTIES, ARIZONA BETWEEN GILA BEND )  
SUBSTATION WEST OF GILA BEND TO THE )  
PROPOSED SUBSTATION NEAR THE )  
PHELPS DODGE AJO INCORPORATED MINE )  
A DISTANCE OF APPROXIMATELY 47 MILES.)

DOCKET NO. L-00000-97-0089

CASE NO. 89

Decision No. 60841

**CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY**

Pursuant to notice given as provided by law, the Power Plant and Transmission Line Siting Committee, (the "Committee") held a public hearing in Hearing Rooms 1 and 2 of the Arizona Corporation Commission, 1200 West Washington, Phoenix, Arizona, on March 5, 1998, in conformance with the requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-360, *et seq.*, for the purpose of receiving evidence and deliberating on the Application of Ajo Improvement Company (AIC) for a Certificate of Environmental Compatibility in the above-captioned case.

The following members and designees of members of the Committee were present for the deliberations and vote on the Application at the March 5, 1998 hearing:

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| Charles S. Pierson | Chairman, Designee for Arizona Attorney General Grant Woods |
| Steve Olea         | Arizona Corporation Commission                              |
| Stephen Ahearn     | Arizona Department of Commerce                              |
| Greg Workman       | Arizona Department of Environmental Quality                 |

1 Arlo B. Lee Appointed Member  
 2 Wayne Smith Appointed Member  
 3 Jeff Maguire Appointed Member  
 4 Martin Sepulveda Appointed Member  
 5 Sandie Smith Appointed Member  
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7 The applicant was represented by Steven M. Wheeler and Lisa A. Schuh of Snell &  
 8 Wilmer L L P, attorneys for Ajo Improvement Company. There were no intervenors or limited  
 9 appearances of record filed pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-360.05. Letters of support for the project and  
 10 AIC's Application were received from the Mayor of Gila Bend, President of the Ajo District  
 11 Chamber of Commerce, Commander of the Pima County Sheriff's Department - Ajo District,  
 12 Pima County Administrator, Vice Chair of the Pima County Board of Supervisors, Habitat  
 13 Specialist for the Game & Fish Department, State Historic Preservation Office, President of the  
 14 Why Ajo Lukeville Development, and Chair of the West Pima County Community Council.  
 15 Public letters of support for the project were received from the President of the Ajo Country Club,  
 16 owner of the Copper Kettle Restaurant, the Hotel Cornelia, Del Sur Enterprises, Marceline  
 17 Marietti, June D. Marcus, Howard and Mary Frazer, Marvin and Barbara Silva, Richard and  
 18 Henrietta Daniels, Kord and Carol Klinefelter, Eric and June Marcus, Robert and Patricia  
 19 Hemenway. No letters in opposition to AIC's Application were filed with the Committee.

20 At the conclusion of the hearing, the Committee, having received the Application, the  
 21 appearance of the AIC, the evidence, testimony and exhibits presented by the AIC, and being  
 22 advised of the legal requirements of Arizona Revised Statutes §§ 40-360 to 40-360.13, upon  
 23 motion duly made and seconded, voted unanimously to grant the AIC the following Certificate of  
 24 Environmental Compatibility (Case No. 89):  
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1 Ajo Improvement Company (AIC) is hereby granted a Certificate of Environmental  
 2 Compatibility (Case No. 89) for authority to construct a 230kV transmission line from the Gila  
 3 Bend Substation on the west side of Gila Bend, Arizona, to a proposed substation that would be  
 4 located near the Phelps Dodge Ajo Incorporated (PDAI) Mine on the southeast side of Ajo,  
 5 Arizona. AIC is also granted authority to construct the proposed substation that would be located  
 6 near the PDAI Mine near Ajo, Arizona. Finally, the Committee grants authority for construction  
 7 of appropriate modifications to the existing Gila Bend Substation. The approximate length of the  
 8 transmission line is 47 miles. The proposed route originates at the Gila Bend Substation and  
 9 proceeds south across Interstate 8 (I-8) and private lands to the State Route 85 corridor paralleling  
 the existing APS 69kV line to the north side of Ajo. North of Ajo the proposed route proceeds  
 east from the highway corridor along the Barry M. Goldwater Range (BMGR), then turns south  
 and ties into an existing BLM designated utility corridor adjacent to the existing Ajo to Why 69kV  
 subtransmission line. Once the route intersects the Ajo to Why 69kV line, it then parallels the  
 existing Coffee Pot Correction 69kV subtransmission line, also within a designated utility  
 corridor, and proceeds to the proposed AIC Substation. The transmission line shall be located  
 within a routing corridor two thousand feet (2000') in width, the centerline of which is described in  
 AIC's Application and Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

10 This certificate is granted upon the conditions that:

- 11 (1) the Applicant will comply with all existing applicable air and water pollution control  
 12 standards and regulations, and will follow all existing applicable ordinances, master plans  
 13 and regulations of the State of Arizona, the Counties of Maricopa and Pima, the United  
 14 States, and any other governmental entities having jurisdiction;
- 15 (2) the authorization to construct the project will expire ten (10) years from the date the  
 16 Certificate is approved by the Arizona Corporation Commission unless construction of the  
 17 project is completed by that time; provided, however, that the Applicant (or its transferee,  
 18 assignee or successor) shall have the right to apply to the Arizona Corporation Commission  
 19 for an extension of this time limitation.

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 21 GRANTED this 8th day of April, 1998.

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 23 THE POWER PLANT AND TRANSMISSION LINE SITING  
 24 COMMITTEE

25 By Charles S. Pierson  
 Charles S. Pierson, Chairman

1 APPROVED BY ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

2 [Signature]  
3 Commissioner-Chairman

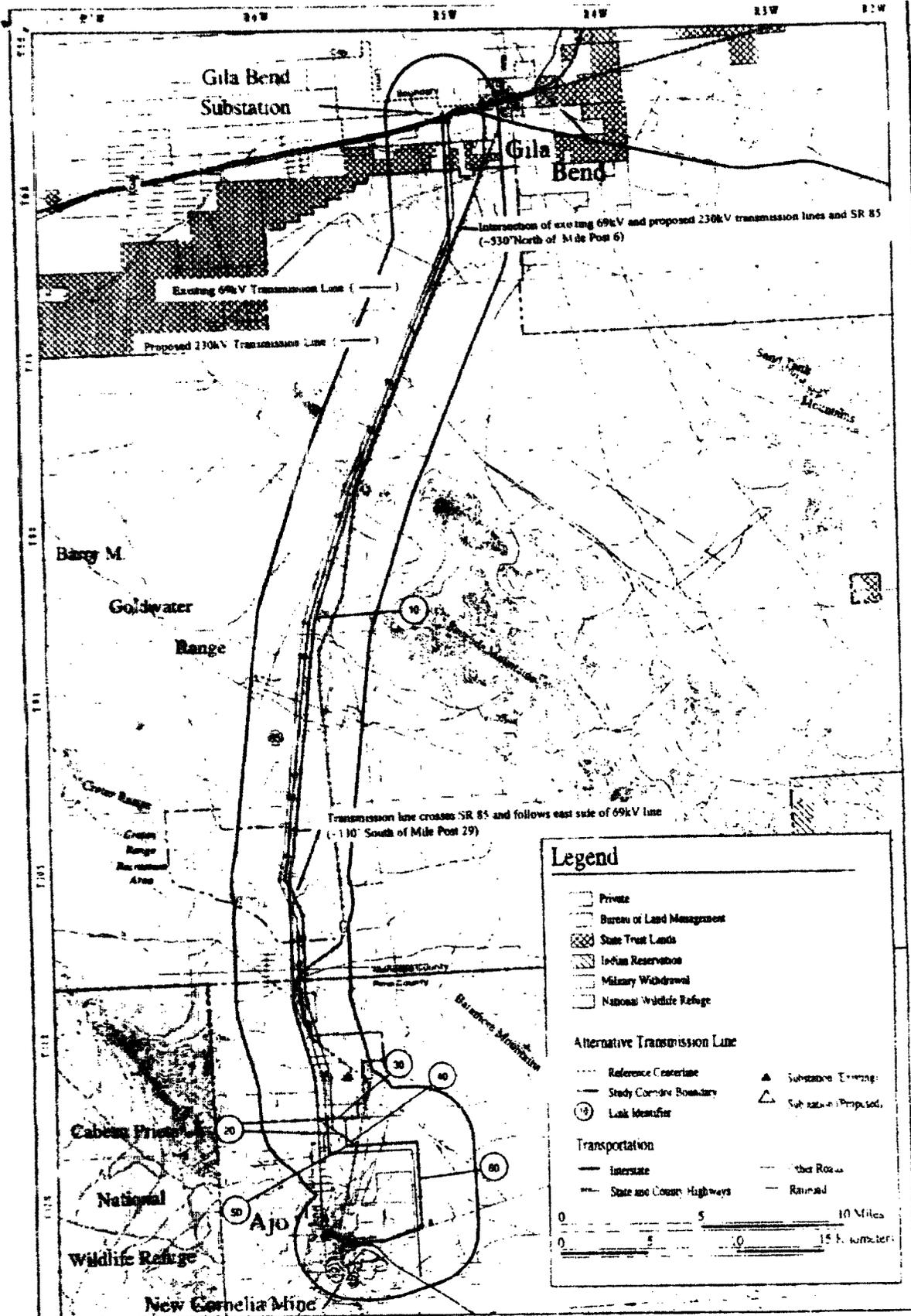
4 [Signature]  
5 Commissioner

6 [Signature]  
7 Commissioner

8 In Witness Hereof, I Jack Rose, Executive Secretary of the Arizona Corporation Commission, set  
9 my hand and cause the official seal of this commission to be affixed, this 20th day of  
10 April, 1998.

11 By [Signature]  
12 Jack Rose  
13 Executive Secretary

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# Jurisdiction

Gila Bend to Ajo  
 230kV Transmission Line Project

Annotated to Show Routing of Existing 69 kV and Proposed 230 kV Transmission Lines

Attachment 1

Bureau of Land Management  
 Ajo Improvement Company

